INDIANA GIS INITIATIVE

**INGISI 2001
Quarterly Meeting
Schedule**
**Friday, January 19, 2001,
10—12 pm**
Johnson County Soil and
Water Conservation Build-
ing, Franklin, IN
317-736-9540

Motels:
Carlton Lodge 317-736-0480
Howard Johnsons Express
317-738-4448
Quality Inn 317-346-6444
Super 8 317-738-0888
Days Inn 736-8000

1—4 pm
Indiana Geographic Informa-
tion Council Business Meet-
ing

**Friday, April 20, 2001
9:30 – 11:30 am**

OPEN PUBLIC MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

You're invited to attend the next Indiana GIS Initiative meeting at the Johnson County Soil and Water Conservation Build-ing 550 E. Jefferson (same as State Rd 44) Franklin, IN, in the 2nd floor Conference room. From I-65 Franklin exit go west to 550 E. Jefferson or from US-31 go east to 550 E. Jefferson. from 10:00 am to noon on January 19, 2001. A pre-meeting ice-breaker will start at 9:30 am.

AGENDA
1. Introductions
2. Indiana Geographic Information Coun-cil Report
3. Strategic Planning Workgroup Report
4. Web Development—DEMO intermedi-ate changes and future redesign of INGISI web site
5. Standards and Recommendations—Status of upcoming recommendations: metadata, Projections/Coord. Systems, Datums, Scale and Accuracy

6. Data Sharing—Result of Data Coop. Evaluation, Evaluation of other states, Framework data survey / strategic plan-ning, DEMO Indiana Geographic Informa-tion Catalog
7. Education—Activities Report
8. Networking - "Rolodex" and plans for future
9. Conference — Fall 2001 GIS Confer-ence planning under way
10. Additional comments / floor open for discussion.

INDIANA GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION CATALOG UNVEILED

The Indiana Geographic Information Cata-log is now on-line! The Catalog acts like an electronic card-catalog for GIS data by hosting *metadata—data documentation—* for Indiana data sets, as well as access to metadata world-wide.

The Catalog has dynamic search and re-trieval functions, giving users the ability to search for metadata by keywords, geo-graphic area of interest and time periods. Metadata contain detailed information about existing data sets and data distribu-tion information.

You can post your metadata to the Catalog for free! For more information about post-ing metadata, the value of metadata, or for metadata training opportunities, contact The Polis Center (317-274-8400, polis@iupui.edu).

The Catalog is hosted by the IUPUI Univer-sity Library in partnership with INGISI. Funding for the Catalog is provided in part by a Federal Geographic Data Committee Cooperative Agreements Program grant. Access the site from the INGISI web site or at http://atlas.ulib.iupui.edu/fgdc_node/

STATEWIDE GIS STRATEGIC PLANNING UNDERWAY

Coordination of GIS resources is vital to informed decision-making. To make the best decisions we need the best – *most reliable* – data. Over 80% of public data has a geographic component. For education, human services, public safety, environment, tax assessment, agriculture, and others - GIS data often *are* the best data. But not if the data don't "fit" together, not if the data aren't accessible, not if we don't know the data exist, and not if the data aren't well documented. For informed decision-making using GIS data we need these data to a coordinated resource - statewide.

The Indiana GIS Initiative and Indiana Geographic Information Council have adopted the following objectives: "Coordination of Indiana GIS through: Dissemination of data and data products; Education and outreach; Adoption of standards; and, Building partnerships."

To achieve these objectives, strategic planning is underway by the Indiana GIS Initiative and Indiana Geographic Information Council.

PROCESS

The first phase of strategic planning occurred in late winter with the establishment of a Strategic Planning Workgroup, defining a schedule and tasks, and developing communication mechanisms. The process ensures there are multiple opportunities for all interested parties to participate. A topic thread has been set up on the GIS Discussion Forum www.

indianagis.com/ a Strategic Planning web page www.state.in.us/ingisi/ has been developed for posting meeting minutes and documents, and a comprehensive on-line survey has been established http://www.polis.iupui.edu/ingisi/survey/.

The Second Phase will run from now until April. With input from INGISI and the Council, the Strategic Planning Workgroup will be responsible for revisiting the mission and vision; highlight the long-range goals (what the organization is seeking to accomplish); and note the process for developing the plan. INGISI Committees will define specific goals and objectives.

OPPORTUNITIES TO PARTICIPATE

Each INGISI Committee will be responsible for developing the goals and objectives— the plan of action— that defines what the organization intends to "do" over the next few years. As such, they should serve as a useful guide for operational planning and a reference for evaluation.

As always this is an open process, you are invited to participate in any of the INGISI committees and strategic planning.

NOW—GATHER BASELINE INFO

Please take the time to complete the on-line Statewide GIS Survey at http://www.polis.iupui.edu/ingisi/survey/ so we can be responsive to the needs of Indiana's GIS community. *See page 4 for more about the Statewide GIS Survey.*

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INDIANA RECOGNIZED AS FGDC COOPERATING GROUP

In November 2000, the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) recognized the Indiana Geographic Information Council as a Cooperating Group in support of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI). The FGDC views one of Indiana's most notable achievements as "the creation of an official statewide coordinating body from the grassroots Indiana GIS Initiative."

STATE GOVERNMENT GIS COORDINATOR NAMED

Roger Koelpin, formerly of the Department of Environmental Management, has been named State GIS Coordinator. In his new role Roger will be in charge of GIS systems and implementation for the State of Indiana. Roger will work out of the Data Processing Oversight Commission offices and will report directly to the state's Chief Information Officer.

As part of his duties, Roger works with the Indiana State Government GIS Task Force, a collaborative effort of state agencies to foster the efficient use of state GIS resources and provide geographic data in usable forms to the citizens of Indiana. As State GIS Coordinator, Roger is the new permanent Secretary of the Indiana Geographic Information Council.

Jill Saligoe-Simmel and Roger Koelpin at the Indiana Statehouse celebrating the 2nd annual International GIS Day.

2001 GIS SEMINAR SERIES

The Polis Center and the Indiana Geographic Information Council are co-sponsoring a 2001 GIS Seminar Series to be held on the IUPUI campus. The Seminar Series focuses on cross-cutting topics relating to spatial data and information bringing in speakers from across the state and nation. The first topic in the series is:

February 16, 9—11 am
Legal Issues of Spatial Data Access
Speaker Anne Mullin O'Connor, Indiana's Public Access Counselor
Indiana state statutes contain language pertaining to electronic information, including spatial data. In this 2-hour seminar, the Indiana Public Access Counselor will present information about those statutes, including answers to:
- What are government units allowed to charge for copying data?
- What data is exempt from public disclosure?
- What are the "electronic map" and "enhanced access" funds, and how should they by used?

Other seminar topics in the series include:

March 2, 8:30—noon
GIS Lite: An Alternative GIS Implementation Strategy
Speaker: Jim Sparks, The Polis Center

April 13, 8:30—noon
How to Develop and Understand RFP's, RFQ's, and Contracts for Local Gov't GIS Projects
Speakers: Doug Marvel, Atlantic Technologies; Jim Sparks, The Polis Center

May
Enhanced Public Access to Spatial Data: For Fee or For Free?
Panel Discussion (TBA)

Seminars will be held at Lecture Hall, Room 105, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis, 325 University Blvd. The cost to attend is $30. Call or email The Polis Center to register or for more information (317-274-8400, polis@iupui.edu).

Watch the INGISI E-Calendar and web site for upcoming topics in this series.

Among Indiana's "most notable achievements is the creation of an official statewide coordinating body from the grass-roots Indiana GIS Initiative."

- John J. Moeller
FGDC Staff Director,

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www.state.
in.us/ingisi

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INGISI welcomes your
feedback. To submit an
article, information or event
to the INGISI Newsletter
or E-calendar, contact
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STATEWIDE GIS SURVEY ONLINE!

Dear Colleague:

The Statewide GIS Survey is on-line at
http://www.polis.iupui.edu/ingisi/survey/
Thank you in advance for completing the
survey - your participation is valued! The
information you, and other GIS users across
the state, provide will be used for statewide
strategic planning, coordination of re-
sources, and prioritization of INGISI / Indi-
ana Geographic Information Council activi-
ties - with the objective of better serving
your needs.

The first portion of the survey deals with
you, your organization's programs and GIS
policies.

The last portion deals with "framework"
data. (Please complete the survey even if
you aren't a data producer.) GIS applica-
tions of many different disciplines have a
recurring need for a few themes of data.
The framework's key aspects are seven
themes of digital geographic data that are

commonly used: geodetic control, orthoi-
magery, elevation, transportation, hydrography,
governmental units, and cadastral information
(these are further defined within the survey).
The seven data themes provide basic data that
can be used in applications, a base to which us-
ers can add or attach geographic details and at-
tributes, a reference source for accurately regis-
tering and compiling users' own data sets, and a
reference map for displaying the locations and
the results of an analysis of other data. To find
out more about framework, go to www.fgdc.
gov.

Again, thank you for your participation. This
survey should take approximately 10-15 min-
utes to complete. Survey results will be made
available through the INGISI web site. Your
responses will enable us to be responsive to the
needs of the geographic data community.

Sincerely,

Jill Saligoe-Simmel, Ph.D.
Indiana Geographic Information Council, Chair